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| FROM Chief of Base, Frankfurt | DATE 13 Dec. 1959 | | |
| SUBJECT REDWOOD/AEROOT/Development & Plans Project Renewal Request | RE: "43-3" (CHECK "X" ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> MARKED FOR INDEXING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO INDEXING REQUIRED <input type="checkbox"/> INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ DESK ONLY | | |
| ACTION REQUIRED Approval of Renewal Request as Submitted | | | |

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- A. EGFW-8140, 31 December 1958
 - B. EGFA-28050, 13 October 1959
 - C. EGFW-9407, 21 September 1959

1. We are forwarding under separate cover a renewal request for Project AEROOT.

2. We realize that Project AEROOT has not been exceptionally productive in gathering positive intelligence on the USSR, recruiting internal agents who will report political, economic, and military information to us, or spotting and developing individuals who can travel from West Germany to the Estonian SSR. We believe that Project AEROOT will be in a better position to produce positive intelligence information in 1960 because of two important changes. First, Tallinn, Estonia, has finally been opened by the Soviet Union for tourist travel. INTOURIST is presently arranging group tours from the Scandinavian countries to the Estonian SSR. In addition, recent Estonian letter intercepts have indicated that a number of Estonian emigres who live in West Germany also desire to visit Tallinn. We believe, therefore, that we will be able to mount several REDSKIN operations from West Germany. Second, IDENTITY/3 has been recruited. He will provide a backstop for the operational activities of AEROOT/5 while using an alias. This, we hope, will enable AEROOT/5 to exploit more potential REDSKIN leads than he has in the past.

3. We will terminate the AEROOT Project if we discover that the project still does not fulfill our expectations or if another activity offers a greater potential.

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ATTACHMENTS (USC):

- A - Renewal Request (odd pp)
- B - Renewal Request (even pp)
- C - Identities

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PROJECT RENEWAL

1. Product of the Project measured against expenditures of KUBARK effort. Project IDENTITY/1 (PROJECT AEROOT) has required approximately fifty-five per cent of one case officer's time in the agent-handling and support function required of this activity. Since 1 January 1959 to the present time this Project has produced twelve EGP disseminations, plus operational intelligence on postal controls in Tartu, Estonia.
2. Extent to which the Project has furthered the RMD of the German Station. This Project has furthered Chapter III, Section - Soviet Union, Priority A, Objective 1 of RMDG-5 inasmuch as it has produced intelligence information on the construction of Soviet military airfields in the Tartu area, Soviet military and naval units in the Tallinn area, and an annotated map of Tallinn, Estonia, which was of great interest to CO3/Strategic.
3. Progress towards reaching Project objectives. This Project has produced intelligence information - by debriefing returnees and repatriates on the various military installations in the Tallinn and Tartu areas; military, naval, and border guard units in Tallinn; the reception of foreign broadcasts in Tallinn; and general information on industry and living conditions in the Tallinn and Tartu areas of the Estonian SSR. However, this Project has not yet been successful in recruiting internal reporting assets or in mounting short-term legal travel operations into the Estonian SSR.
4. Performance of the agent with respect to production, security, and cover. IDENTITY/2 (AEROOT 5) performs his spotting and developing responsibilities in a satisfactory manner. In addition to these responsibilities, he screens letter intercepts for potential operational leads; compiles lists of Estonian addressees which are used in the AEBASIN letter-writing program; and also handles a letter writer in the AEBASIN letter-writing program. IDENTITY/2's (AEROOT 5) present cover is inadequate for his current and future planned activities since he has to meet potential REDSKIN leads under his true name and his natural cover. However, IDENTITY/3 (ILMAR REISENBERG) who is the president of IDENTITY/4 (ESTONIAN CENTRAL Committee), has recently been recruited; and his main function will be to provide an operational cover for IDENTITY/2's (AEROOT 5) activities using an alias.
5. Changes believed necessary. IDENTITY/3 (ILMAR REISENBERG), mentioned in paragraph 4 above, will provide a cover for IDENTITY/2's (AEROOT 5) activities in alias. The reasons which necessitate an operational cover for IDENTITY/2 (AEROOT 5) are covered in EGFA-27870, 30 September 1959.
6. Definite planning for the future. At the present time the following persons are under active consideration as legal travelers to the Estonian SSR: IDENTITY/5 (MAYOR MAYER), IDENTITY/6 (ALEX JAASOU), IDENTITY/7 (HUGO JANNAS), IDENTITY/8 (ILMAR GRAVE), and IDENTITY/9 (ERUST GLASS). (These would be mounted operations.) In addition to the above named potential REDSKIN operations into the Estonian SSR, we believe we will have several "piggy-back" REDSKIN operations - since numerous letter intercepts indicate an interest on the part of the writers to visit their homeland. IDENTITY/1 (PROJECT AEROOT) will continue to debrief returnees and repatriates for the purpose of gaining sensitive and operational intelligence information and to collect biographic

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information on legal residents of the Estonian SSR who can be recontacted later for possible recruitment as internal reporting assets.

7. Amount of money actually obligated during 1 January 1959 through 10 October 1959. IDENTITY/1 (Project AERoot) was approved for the period 1 February 1959 through 31 January 1960 and approximately of this amount has been obligated as of 1 November 1959.

b. Funds required for the coming year.

| Salaries | Monthly | Yearly | Totals |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| IDENTITY/2 AERoot.5) | \$170 | \$2,040 | |
| IDENTITY/3 Mar. RIESENBERG | \$35 | \$420 | \$2,460 |

Operational Expenses

Agent Travel
Entertainment of Prospective Agents
Postage and Telephone
Purchase of Information

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8. No commitments have been made nor are any commitments contemplated.

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| IDENTITY/1 | Project AEROCOT |
| IDENTITY/2 | AEROCOT/5 |
| IDENTITY/3 | Elmar REISENBERG |
| IDENTITY/4 | Estonian Central Committee |
| IDENTITY/5 | Magda MAYER |
| IDENTITY/6 | Pille JAASON |
| IDENTITY/7 | Hugo JAANUS |
| IDENTITY/8 | Ilmar GRAVE |
| IDENTITY/9 | Ernst GLASS |

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